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May 8, 1978

Mr. Frank Tuminia
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Carribean Section
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tuminia:

The enclosed material will be of interest to you. I especially hope you will read my recent letter to Dick McCoy. It summarizes my efforts to date.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Steve

Steven A. Katsaris

Enclosure

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Mr. Richard A. McCoy
American Counsul
Embassy of the United States
Georgetown, Guyana
South America

Dear Dick,

Thanks for your letter of April 6 and the news about Maria. I have had no contact with her since our Georgetown meeting last November and am anxious that she be informed of my love for her and my hope she will come home soon. When possible please tell her of the ticket under the guidelines I mentioned. I will be greatly indebted to you.

The enclosed material will show you the course things have taken from this end. After presenting the accusation of human rights violations to Peoples Temple headquarters in San Francisco, their attorney called a press conference in which a number of Jonestown residents spoke via shortwave radio praising Jim Jones and denouncing their relatives. Maria said on the air that I had molested her. It frightens me that they could get her to say that. What else they can get her to do is ominous.

After consultation I decided to proceed against Peoples Temple Church with a law suit. It will be filed shortly. In preparation for the litigation I underwent a polygraph test. The results are shown on the enclosed report.

Most likely the case will never come to trial because my attorneys believe Peoples Temple Church could not afford to have any of their members give sworn testimony in court. However, I hope it will accomplish two things. First, to show that I am not intimidated into silence by their slander and lies, even if they can get my daughter to speak them. Second, that my actions will eventually get communicated to Maria and she will know that her family still cares and wants her to come home. (Please note the request for a visit home on page 13. I do not believe it unreasonable and can offer guarantees that Maria will be free to return to Guyana).

Sincerely,

Steven A. Katsaris

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Mr. Timothy Oliver Stoen
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On May 2, 1978, Steven A. Katsaris voluntarily came to this office for a polygraph examination. The main issue under consideration involved allegations of sexual molestation made against him by his daughter, Maria Katsaris. Maria is presently with the People's Temple Church in Guyana. During Mr. Katsaris' attempts to get his daughter away from this church, the allegations of sexual molestation were made by some of the officials of the People's Temple Church. No specific, public statements along this line were made by Maria Katsaris. Among other charges made against Katsaris by the People's Temple Church was the statement that he was involved with a right-wing congressman in a conspiracy to destroy People's Temple Church.

During Mr. Katsaris' pre-test interview, he maintained he has never made any sexual advances whatsoever toward his daughter, Maria. He also insisted that he has never been involved in any conspiracy with a congressman to destroy People's Temple Church.

There were no significant emotional disturbances indicative of deception reflected in Mr. Katsaris' polygraph charts when he answered "No" to the following test questions:

"Did you ever make any sexual advances toward Maria Katsaris?"

"Did you ever try to have sexual intercourse with your daughter, Maria?"

"Did you ever sexually fondle any part of Maria's body?"

"Did you ever plan with any congressman to destroy People's Temple Church?"

It is the opinion of the examiner, based on Katsaris' polygraph charts, that he is telling the truth on the above-listed questions.

Yours very truly,

HARMAN & SHAHEEN ASSOCIATES, INC.

George W. Harman

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